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## In the Claims:

- A wide band signal coder comprising:
   means for subdividing signals over a bandwidth into a lower subband and a higher subband signals,
  - a downsampler for downsampling said lower subband signals,
- a low band speech coder coupled to said downsampler for encoding said downsampled lower subband signals, and
- a highband coder for coding said higher subband signal without downsampling, and
  - a combiner for combining said higher and lower subband signals.
- 2. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said combiner includes a bandpass filter coupled to said highband coder to bandpass said higher subband signal to complement the lower subband.
- 3. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said combiner includes upsampling said encoded lower subband signals.
  - 4. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said low band speech coder is a CELP coder.
  - 5. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said highband coder is an LPC coder.
  - 6. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said highband coder is random noise.
  - 7. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said highband coder is noise excited LPC.
- 8. The coder of Claim 1, wherein said highband coder is gain-matched analysis by synthesis.
- The coder of Claim 1, wherein said highband coder is multi-pulse coding.

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means for subdividing signals over a bandwidth into a lower subband and a higher subband,

- a downsampler for downsampling said lower subband signals,
- a low band speech coder coupled to said downsampler for encoding said downsampled lower subband signals,
  - a highband coder for coding said higher subband signal without downsampling;
- a bandpass filter coupled to said highband coder to bandpass said higher subband signal to complement the lower subband;
  - a first decoder for decoding said encoded lower subband signals;
- means for upsampling and lowpass filtering said lower subband signals to the same rate as the higher band signals;
- a second decoder for decoding said higher subband signals and bandpass filtering said higher subband signals; and
- and adder for summing said lower subband signals and said higher subband signals
  - 11. The system of Claim 10, wherein said low band coder is a CELP coder.
- 12. The system of Claim 10, wherein said highband coder is random noise and said highband decoder includes a gain-scaled random noise generator.
- 13. The system of Claim 10, wherein said highband coder is a noise excited LPC coder and said decoder includes a gain-scaled random noise generator and the output is applied to an LPC synthesis filter.
  - 14. The system of Claim 10, wherein said high band coder includes a gain-matched by synthesis coder and the highband decoder includes a codebook with allowable excitation vectors, a multiplier and an LPC filter.

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- 15. The system of Claim 10, wherein said coder is a multi-pulse coder and the decoder includes gain-scaling an approximation waveform that is gain-scaled and filtered by an LPC synthesis filter.
  - 16. A wideband speech decoder system comprising:
    - a first decoder for decoding encoded lower subband signals;
- a second highband decoder for decoding higher subband signals at a higher sampling rate than said lower subband signals;
- a converter for converting said lower subband signals to the same sampling rate as the higher band signals; and
- an adder for summing said lower subband signals and said higher subband signals.
- 17. The decoder system of Claim 16, wherein said second decoder includes a gain-scaled random noise generator.
- 18. The decoder system of Claim 16, wherein said second decoder includes a gain-scaled random noise generator and the output applied to an LPC synthesis filter.
- 19. The decoder system of Claim 16, wherein said second decoder includes a codebook with allowable excitation vectors, a multiplier and an LPC filter.
- 20. The decoder system of Claim 16, wherein said second decoder includes a multipulse waveform that is gain-scaled and filtered by an LPC synthesis filter.